GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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MONETARY INCENTIVES FOR INTER CASTE MARRIAGES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to enhance the Monetary Incentive of Rs.50,000 to encourage Inter-Caste marriages;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the Government is aware in case of inter-caste marriages, the couple is isolated by their relatives and ostracized by society;and

(d) if so, the steps that are being proposed to protect them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT.SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) The Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment had addressed the Chief Ministers to consider increase in the incentive amount for inter-caste marriages to Rs. 50,000/-

(c) & (d) Inter-caste marriages are an effective instrument of combating the evil practice of castesim. In specific cases of vulnerability of such a couple, based on the complaint, it is for the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration to take legal action.